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Classified by Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba, Reasons
1.5(b) and (d).

1. (C) UAE Deputy Prime Minister and MinState for Foreign Affairs Shaykh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan (HBZ) told the Ambassador October 19 that his country will reveal its pledge for Iraq reconstruction in Madrid. Shaykh Hamdan said that the UAEG has spent over \$70 million to date on Iraq, and that figure is expected to rise to \$100 million by the end of this year. HBZ said that the package will include considerable assistance in kind, and he cited power generation equipment the Iraqis have requested as an example. Meanwhile, he said, the UAEG is consulting with all GCC countries regarding

their pledges, though he added that the Qataris are not participating in the Donors Conference.

¶2. (C) Shaykh Hamdan said that the UAEG is working closely with the Germans on Iraq and wants to bring them, as well as the French, into the process of reconstruction, believing their involvement is important. HBZ was closely following the pledging plans of other countries and asked us for any further detail we could provide. He and the Ambassador compared notes on several major donors.

¶3. (C) Shaykh Hamdan told the Ambassador that Vice President Cheney's call to Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Shaykh Khalifa on October 16 regarding Iraq reconstruction went well, and that the Vice President had reiterated his invitation to Shaykh Khalifa to visit the United States. The Ambassador noted that if the visit takes place this year, it needs to be sooner rather than later because of the 2004 U.S. presidential campaign season. Shaykh Hamdan told the Ambassador that a letter from Shaykh Zayed responding to the POTUS letter on Iraq would be forwarded to the Embassy in the next few days.

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